



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 33

Senate, April 21, 2005

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION AND ELIMINATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR WEAPON RELATED
MATERIALS.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, as long as nuclear weapons exist, cities around the
2 world will be vulnerable to instantaneous devastation on a scale
3 exceeding even that experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, a nuclear war would devastate many cities, an
6 accidental missile launch would devastate several cities, and use of a
7 nuclear weapon by terrorists would devastate a city; and

8 WHEREAS, any nuclear attack would obliterate all emergency
9 response mechanisms rendering any city planning system for such a
10 disaster futile; and

11 WHEREAS, the world's foremost line of defense against nuclear
12 dangers is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which is currently in
13 its seventh review cycle, with all parties to the treaty scheduled to
14 meet in May 2005 to ensure that the treaty is being fully implemented;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, all other weapons of mass destruction have been
17 prohibited by international agreement and are being eliminated under
18 international control, and the nuclear weapons states that are parties to
19 the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have undertaken to pursue
20 negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament; and

21 WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice unanimously found in
22 1996 that all states were obliged to bring to a conclusion negotiations
23 leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and
24 effective international control; and

25 WHEREAS, the World Conference of Mayors for Peace has
26 launched an international campaign calling on the 2005 Non-
27 Proliferation Treaty Review Conference to launch negotiations on the
28 elimination of nuclear weapons, to be concluded by 2010 and fully
29 implemented by 2020, also known as the 2020 vision; and

30 WHEREAS, weapons of mass destruction have no place in a
31 civilized world;

32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
33 General Assembly urges President George W. Bush to commence
34 negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons
35 and nuclear weapon related materials; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and
37 House cause copies of this resolution to be sent to the presiding
38 officers of each house of Congress and to each member of the
39 Connecticut congressional delegation.

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This resolution, which encourages the President to begin negotiations on the prohibition of nuclear weapons, has no fiscal impact to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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